GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF SPECIAL COURTS UNDER MINES ACT
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General, Mines Safety has recommended setting up of special courts to try cases under Mines Act; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b):- The Sub-committee of the Consultative Committee of Parliament, Ministry of Labour underthe Chairmanship of Shri Gurudas Das Gupta in the report submitted to the Government in 1996 on the `status of safety in mines` had recommended that special courts or designated courts may be set up to deal with cases under the Mines Act, 1952 for expeditious disposal. The Ministry of Labour have taken up the matter with the Registrar Generals of the various High Courts where the cases underthe Mines Act are pending for designating judicial Magistrate/Metropolitan Magistrate in the Districts exclusively to deal with the cases under the Mines Act. The High Courts of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have issued necessary instructions for designating Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrate to deal with the cases under the Mines Act.The High Courts of Orissa, Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have declined to set up the designated courts as the number of cases under the Mines Act are few as compared to the pending cases under the other Acts. However, the High Courts of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have issued instructions to the respective courts for expeditious disposal of pending cases on day to day trial. The High Courts of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh have rejected the proposal.